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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING REPORTER-LABELED BEADS

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July 16, 2003

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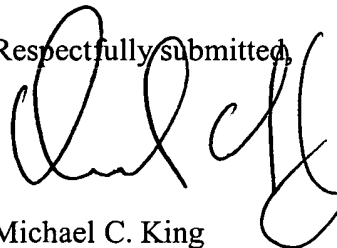
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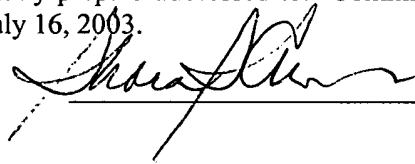
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